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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

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1. **EP 0 960 582** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

2. **EP 1 020 135** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,309,124, submitted herewith.

3. **FR 2 759 872** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,073,634, submitted herewith.

Applicants have enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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